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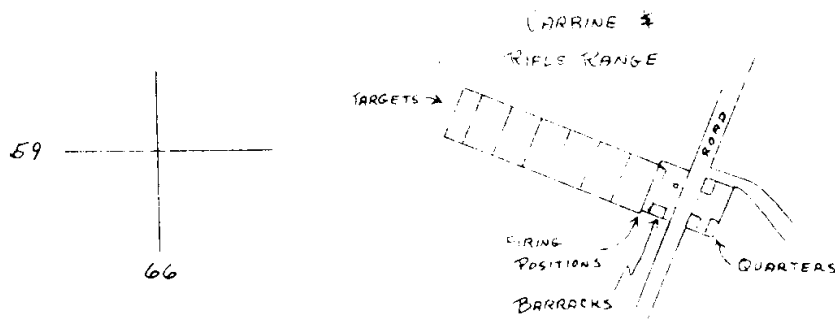
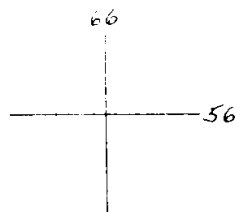
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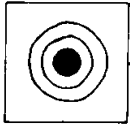
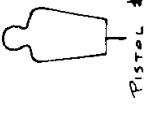
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TYPES OF TARGETS USED



Pistol & Sub-machinegun  
Rifle & Carbine  
Tito-The Dog With The Chain

HAND GRENADE  
COURSE  
30-50 METERS

PISTOL RANGE  
25-50 METERS

CARBINE  
RIFLE RANGE  
500 METERS

SUB-MACHINEGUN  
RANGE  
75 METERS

FIRING RANGE IN BUDAPEST

DIRT ENBANKMENT

PIT FOR TARGET OPERATORS

DIRT MOUND WITH WOODEN BOARD SET AT TOP

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GATE  
GUARD

ROAD

-QUARTERS -  
RANGE PERSONNEL

BARRACKS  
&  
TARGETS STORAGE

LEAN-TO WEATHER PROTECTION  
WALK-WAY FOR OFFICERS IN CHARGE

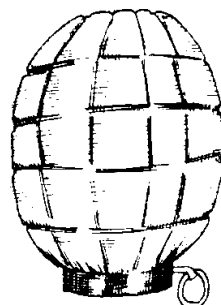
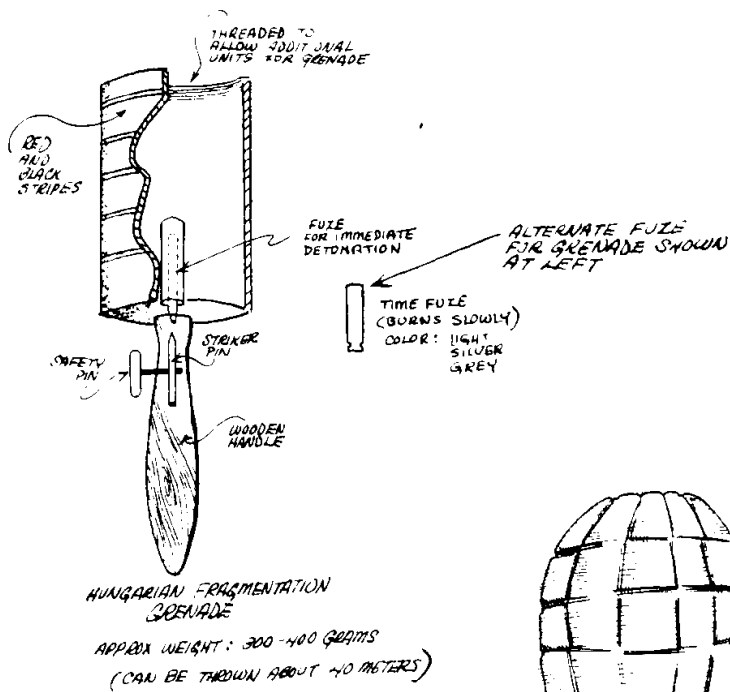
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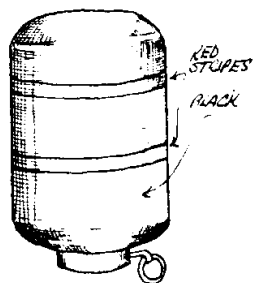
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HUNGARIAN FRAGMENTATION GRENADE  
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